Import of Crude Oil

287. SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV :
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to intensify political and economic relations with the Middle East Countries to tap sources for crude oil import;

(b) if so, the countries so identified by Oil and Natural Gas Commission and Indian Oil Corporation;

(c) whether any concrete measures have been taken to tap more sources for crude oil import; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) to (d). Import of crude oil is finalised considering the specific requirements of Indian refineries and commercial considerations. Government have maintained close political and economic relations with the countries in the middle-east, a traditional source for procuring crude oil. Identification of new crude oil, their suitability for the Indian refining system and diversification of sources of supply is a continuing process.

ONGC-VL is also seeking exploration acreage to participate in exploration and production activities abroad to tap more sources for crude oil supply.

Crude Oil Production in Bombay High

*288. SHRI NARAYAN ATHAWALAY
SHRI RUPCHAND PAL :

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up Dasgupta Committee to analyse the causes for the shortfall in crude oil production during the current year particularly in Western off-shore fields;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the recommendations concerning Bombay High fields were implemented by ONGC; and

(d) the likely Improvement therefrom?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU) : (a) and (b). Government of India has set up a Committee headed by Dr. K. Narayanan to look into the causes for shortfall in crude oil production including the production from Western offshore fields. The Committee would also suggest remedial measures both short-term as well as long term for restoring the reservoir health of Western offshore fields and for raising production levels. The Committee is required to submit its report within a period of three months.

The Dasgupta Committee was set up in 1990 to review Bombay High oil field in view of increasing GOR and decreasing trend In crude oil production.

(c) and (d). Recommendations of BHRC, such as closure and repair of high GOR wells, increased workover jobs for water shut off thereby improving voidage compensation, were implemented by ONGC with varying degree of success. These measures have helped in controlling average field Gas Oil Ratio (GOR) of Bombay High.

Techno Parks

*289. SHRI P.C. THOMAS : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Electronics Technology Parks (Techno Parks) have been set up in various parts of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether innovation centres have been set up in any Techno Parks and any proposals have been received in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether Central assistance is being given to such Techno Parks and innovation centres;

(f) if so, the details thereof and funds granted or proposed to be granted State-wise;

(g) whether any proposal for setting up such Parks in Kerala is pending; and

(h) if so, the present status thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) to (h). The Government of India, Department of Electronics have two schemes namely, Electronics Hardware Technology Park (EHTP) and Software Technology Park (STP) which are in operation in the country. STP is a 100% export oriented scheme for encouraging software development for export. An EHTP and STP may be set up by the Central Government, State Government, Public or Private Sector Undertakings or any combination thereof. EHTP Scheme has been implemented for building up a strong electronics industry in the country with focus on enhancing its export potential and development of an efficient electronic component industry.

The Government of India on its own has not established any EHTP. The Department of Electronics has established seven Software Technology Parks at Pune, Bangalore, Bhubaneshwar, Hyderabad, Noida, Gandhinagar and Thiruvananthapuram.

2. There is no scheme of the Government of India, Department of Electronics to set up Techno Parks in the country. However, a proposal for financial assistance